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# UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION GENCY

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SUBJECT:

EPA Registration No: 538-33, Scotts Proturf, Caswell No. (315

and 295.

FROM:

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Product Manager #23

## Action Requested:

It is requested to amend this registration by increasing the fertilizer grade from 30 to 36% nitrogen and dropping the phosphorous and potassium.

The % active ingredients will also be changed from 1.10% to 1.37% for 2,4-D and from 0.35% to 0.45% for Dicamba.

Other minor changes in the label are also requested.

#### Product:

Proturf Fertilizer plus Dicot Weed Control

## Active Ingredients

1.37% 2,4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic Acid Dicamba (2-methoxy-3, 6-dichlorobenzoic acid 0.45% (Tech) 98.18% Inerts 100.00%

#### Remarks:

- This product contains 2,4,-D, a chemical that has been accepted for pre RPAR review (see Rogoff memo, dated Jan. 10, 1978). As of March 13, 1979, the status of 2,4,-D is in question, referral has been challenged. Janet Lambert, OSPR, is currently the person to contact for questions. The formulation change is small (0.27%) and will not affect the hazard of this registered product.
- 2. Registration of products containing Dicamba were temporarily suspended (see Rogoff memo of 10/20/76) because of the possibility of their containing nitrosamines. This suspension has been cancelled for products containing technical Dicamba but not the dimethylamine salt (see Rogoff memo dated 3/15/77).

- 3. There are questions concerning the teratology properties of Dicamba that are currently being addressed by the Velsicol Company (see Budd review, 9/8/76 and Anderson review of 1/16/78 and Budd memo of 10/21/76). Since this product contains only 0.45% Dicamba and it is not for food use the human hazard of the fetotoxicity in question is minimal.
- The acute toxicity is summarized below and reviewed on the following pages.

TOX. CAT. Core Classification	
Acute Oral LD 50 rats > 5.0 gm/kg IV Minimum  Acute Dermal LD 50 rabbits > 21.0 gm/kg IV  Eye Irritation- rabbits No opacity IV  Dermal Irritation- rabbits Not irritating IV	

Sufficient data are obtained to support a CAUTION label.

#### Conclusion

1. Registration may be approved

Review of four acute studies with PROTURF; all studies by WARF Institute, Madison, Wisconsin; dated October 20, 1977; WARF study No. 7082557.

### A. Acute Oral LD 50

10 male and 10 female young adult Sprague-Dawley rats were dosed with 5 gm/kg of sample F-8481 and observed for 14 days.

No rats died. Necropsy was not remarkable. no signs of toxicity were noted.

This test is CORE MINIMUM \*. It is not stated if the rats were prefasted. The toxicity (LD 50) is greater than 5.0 gm/kg thus the product may be listed as category IV. (\* page 3)

#### B. Acute Dermal LD 50

3 male and 3 female New Zealand white rabbits were prepared by having their backs clipped and further abraded and then dosed with scotts sample F-8481 and the sample was held in place for 24 hours.

One female and one male died (on days 7 and 8). No other noteable signs developed. Necropsy revealed dark colored lungs. The LD 50 is greater than 21 cm/kg.

This test is CORE MINIMUM \*\*. Toxicity Category IV. (\*\* page 3)

## C. Eye Irritation

3 young adult New Zealand white rabbits were dosed with 0.1 Gm. of Scotts sample F-8481 by instillation of the substance into one of the eyes. The eyes were washed 20 seconds after instillation. A second group of 6 rabbits were also run, but there was no special washing following instillation.

No corneal opacity is reported as developing. No other irritation develops. Toxicity Category IV.

This test is CORE MINIMUM. The product is not a serious eye irritant.

#### D. Primary Skin Irritation

6 Young adult New Zealand white rabbits were prepared for this test by having their hair clipped and one area was further abraded. 0.5 gm of test material, Scotts sample F 8481, was applied to each area (1 intact and 1 abraded) and held in place for 24 hours.

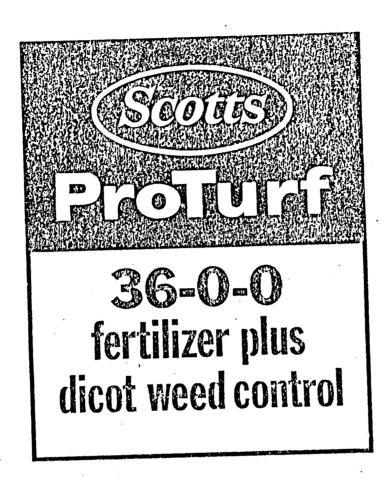
No irritation developed or is reported. This test is CORE MINIMUM. The product is not demonstrated to be a serious primary skin irritant. Toxicity Category IV.

- \* Upgraded from Supplementary where it was originally placed due to only one dosage level and rats possibly not being prefasted. The relatively high dosage level, lack of mortalities, lack of signs of toxicity and unremarkable necropsies clearly define the potential oral toxicity of this formulation and justify the upgrading of this study.
- \*\* Upgraded from Supplementary where it was originally placed due to only one dosage level and insufficient number of animals/sex/dosage level. Although 2/6 animals died at the single relatively high dosage level of 21 Gm/kg. Toxicology Branch feels the potential dermal toxicity of this formulation to be adequately defined and upgrading of the study to Core Minimal to be justified.

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NOT FOR USE ON GOLF COURSE PUTTING GREENS

# NET WEIGHT 55 LBS (24.95 kg)

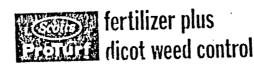
CAUTION: KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN

Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Wash thoroughly after handling. Avoid application on garden plants, flowers, trees and shrubs. Keep away from rootzone areas of shrubs and the branch spread of trees. Do not store near fertilizers, seeds, insecticides or fungicides. Do not contaminate water used for irrigational or domestic purposes.

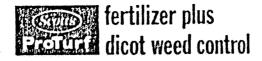
Active ingredients: 2,4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic acid 9B, 1B% Inert Ingredients 100.00% EPA Reg No 538-33 EPA Est 538-011-1 Net Weight 55 lbs. ProTurf Festilizer plus dicot weed control 36-0-0 guaranteed analysis

10tal nitrogen (N)
24.0% water soluble nitrogen from urea and methylene ureas
12.0% water insoluble nitrogen from methylene ureas
Potential actifity equivalent to 1200 lbs calcium carbonate per ton
US Process Pat Nos 3,231, 163-3,705,794 and 3,9-89,470
Profurf Division, O M Scott & Sons

Product of USA Marysville, Ohio 43040









Fertilizes grass, controls these rosette and vining weeds

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horseweed knotweed lambsquarters

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#### SUGGESTED SPREADER SETTINGS

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55 Lbs (24.95 Kg) treats 22,000 sq ft (% Acre/2044 sq m) at 1

#### SPRUADER:

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Scotts (Drop Type) Scotts Rotary Lety-WTR & WER Models-Lety-HR (PTO Model)

# GROUND OR WIDTH OF PTO SPLED COVERN.

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#### FOR USE ON TURFGRASS AREAS OTHER THAN PUTTING GREENS

Use when weeds are actively growing. Repeat in one more: If needed

Apply to foliage moist from dew, rain or sporesting the parts should not be so tall as to touch bottom of sporests. Rain, sprinkling, mowing or heavy traffic within 24.6 as after application knocks granules off weeds indicate treating again, but walt at least one week.

#### PRECAUTIONS

On new plantings delay treatment until after the thirt is fourth mowing

Avoid application over rootzone of trees and structs Avoid application over rockets the service of the s

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